

**REMARKS**

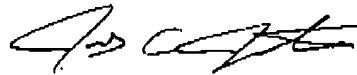
This is the second restriction requirement received in this case. Earlier, October 13, 2005, we responded to a restriction requirement that was mailed September 29 2005. In our response to that restriction, we elected claims 9-35 and 43-49 (Group I)<sup>1</sup>.

Now, the Examiner has indicated that the elected group of claims needs to be further restricted for examination into three distinct species claim sets: (1) claims 9-16, (2) claims 17-35, and (3) claims 43-49.

In response to this latest restriction, Applicant hereby elects without traverse the claim set comprising claims 43-49 for examination.

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Respectfully submitted,



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<sup>1</sup> The claims of Group II, which were not elected for examination at this time consisted of Claims 1-8 and 36-42.